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## **DOREL INDUSTRIES INC. FINED \$90,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION**

CORNWALL, Ont. – Dorel Industries Inc., a Laval, Quebec-based company, with a plant in Cornwall that pre-cuts particle board for use in office/home furniture and entertainment units, was fined \$90,000 today for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in serious arm and hand injuries to a young employee.

On May 31, 2004, a worker was removing debris from the cutting line of a saw machine that cut and stacked particle board when the worker's hand came in contact with moving cutting blades. The worker's lower left arm and hand were amputated. A Ministry of Labour investigation found there was no guarding device that prevented the worker from having access to the exposed moving blades. The incident occurred at the company's plant at 3305 Loyalist Street in Cornwall.

Dorel Industries Inc. pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to ensure the saw was properly guarded, as required by Section 24 of the Regulations for Industrial Projects. This was contrary to Section 25(1)(a) of the act.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Basile Marchand of the Ontario Court of Justice in Cornwall. In addition, the court imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge, as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

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Court Information at a Glance

<b>Location:</b>	Ontario Court of Justice 26 Pitt Street, Courtroom 2 Cornwall, Ontario
<b>Judge:</b>	Justice of the Peace Basile Marchand
<b>Date / Time:</b>	January 25, 2005, 9 a.m.
<b>Defendant:</b>	Dorel Industries Inc.
<b>Matter:</b>	Occupational Health & Safety

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